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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, I have chaired the committee that deals with legislative issues involving the communications industry and broadband Internet services. My experience tells me that the power of competition and innovation, not more government regulation, drive our economy and provide incentive for technology industries to invest and grow jobs and services, which results in increased consumer choice.

I am concerned that the FCC's discussion of network neutrality regulations in the wireline and wireless markets will lead to more regulation of an industry that has seen significant growth and competition that have benefited South Carolina. In short, regulations that impact the wireless market would result in weaker wireless networks and less private sector investments.

One of my most important duties is to encourage economic growth and jobs in our state. Net neutrality regulations would run counter to this effort. These proposed regulations would hurt the opportunities for jobs and investment at a time when we most need them.

Before implementing new net neutrality regulations on the Internet, please carefully consider the negative impact they will have on our economy and consumers of broadband service.

Sincerely,

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cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell